

IN THE DRAWINGS

Applicant has amended figure 6 of the drawings to include reference numbers to address the comments at page 2, item 2 of the action. In particular applicant has added reference 100a, 100a', 100b, 100b' to generally reference the axial passages; 100a, 100a' to reference the axial through openings in the intermediate wall; 100b, 100b' to reference the axial bearing bores in the radial outer wall; 102 to reference the opening in the base body at an end facing the housing cover. The fan is denoted as item 103. The hood was already denoted as item 70.

Applicant submits herewith a replacement sheet, 4/4, which includes the above described amendments. The objection to the drawings should be withdrawn.

REMARKS

The present communication responds to the office action mailed April 21, 2006. Applicant believes its response is timely for the reasons stated on the cover page.

Item 1 of Action: Applicant thanks the examiner for the indication of allowance with respect to all pending claims 12-18.

Item 2 of Action Drawings: Applicant submits herewith a replacement sheet, 4/4, FIG. 6 to address the comments at Item 2 of the Action. The specific amendments to the drawings are discussed and pointed out in the previous section: In The Drawings.

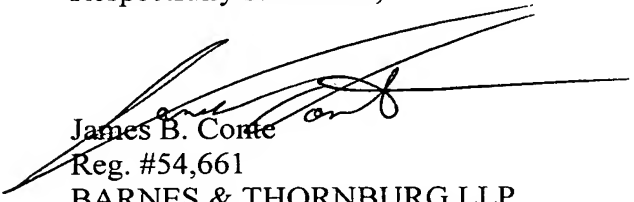
Items 3 and 4 of Action -- Objection to specification: Applicant has inserted appropriate headers in the specification.

Item 5 of Action -- Claim objections: Applicant believes that the subject matter of claims 12 and 17 is properly incorporated into the specification. In particular, applicant points to the amendments to the specification made herewith and those earlier made as preliminary amendments.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has addressed each of the formalities in the action. A notice of allowance should now issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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